

Amendments to the Specification:

At page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 09/158,272 filed September 22, 1998, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of U.S. application Serial No. 60/062,994 filed October 23, 1997.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

Please amend the paragraph that bridges pages 4-5 as follows:

Plasmids pBT233 (23), pBT338 and pCB8 (20) and PLXSN, which ~~earries~~ carry the resistance marker for G418 (26), have been previously described. The eukaryotic expression vector pSV2 beta globin (27) was kindly provided by Dr. J. Ortin (CNB). The expression plasmid pSV beta was constructed by PCR amplification of the coding sequence for the IRAP from the plasmid pBT233. The primers, SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO:2, respectively, used for PCR were:

betaUP 5'-GAGAGAAAGCTTGGTTGGTTGAAAATGGCT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 1) and
betaDO 5'-GAGAGATGATCAGTACTCATTA ACTATCCC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 2).

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 15-19 as follows:

The primers used for the PCR amplification of the Hirt preparations were unsuitable for the analysis of genomic DNA preparations (low T_m). Therefore a new pair of primers, SEQ ID NO: 3 and SEQ ID NO: 4, respectively, was designed:

pBT338UP158, 5'-CCGGCTCGTATGTTGTGTGGAAT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 3) and
pBT338DO802, 5'-TGGCGAAAGGGGGATGTGCTG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 4).